

The Pattern of Prayer
Matthew 6:11-15

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Reviewing the Secret to Prayer

Prayer as Jesus teaches us, is a matter of approach → I am approaching God

We approach God exclusively “... *shut the door...*” (vs. 6a)

We approach God engagingly “... *your Father who is secret...*” (vs.6b)

We approach God expectantly “... *your Father knows what you need...*” (vs. 8)

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Part 1: He, before We

Recognizing the Father: “*Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name*”

- Affectionate Intimacy , Respectful Dependence , Majestic Awe

Realization of Kingship: “*your kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven*”

- God’s kingdom has invaded history in the person of Jesus Christ

Reordering of Priorities: “*your will be done... on earth as it is in heaven*”

- Kingdom disciples’ lives are to exemplify the reign of God now

Part 2: We, because of He

Give us this day our daily bread

- Dependence for daily provision
- Our Father is not indifferent to our needs

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

- A reminder we always live in need of God’s grace found in Jesus Christ
- Having received God’s gracious forgiveness, we freely give it to others

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- Satan tempts to lead us to spiritual death,
- God tests to grow us in spiritual life

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